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SNYDER'S FIRST ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA ATTRACTS TREMENDOUS CROWDS DAILY

SUCCESSFUL EVENT NOW IN PROGRESS

The Redpath Chautauqua in Snyder is a great success and as a popular institution it has proven intensely gratifying to the promoters.

Great crowds of people are present at every session—day and night—and the programs are entertaining and instructive.

Such privileges of social and intellectual culture are appreciated by the people of Snyder county.

The Snyder people are nearly all there and every town and community in the county is popularly represented.

People are here in automobiles every day from Dunn, Ira, Fluvanna, Camp Springs, Knapp, Arsh and Hermitage and in fact every neighborhood in the county, besides many from adjacent counties.

The programs are always well rendered. Music on all sorts of instruments by practical artists. The vocal renditions are of high order and the lectures by platform orators of nationwide fame furnish the people information on many practical subjects.

The Chautauqua is a great step forward in the moral, social and intellectual advancement of our city and county.

CHAUTAUQUA NOTES

Billings, is master of the accordion. The ordinary individual couldn't realize what could be done with that instrument.

Noah Beharz, the impersonator can arrange his make-up right before you and you'd almost believe him another man.

The entertainment Wednesday night by Julius Caesar Sayphie, a Greek was one of the strongest numbers. A story of Oriental life and customs and a comparison of laws, customs, religions and social rules in Greece and America.

He is well educated, thoroughly conversant with the Christian faith and has cast off all semblance of reverence for Grecian Aristocracy and pays respect to American democracy. He was dressed in Grecian costume and had a show of Grecian fabrics. These were examined and admired by many people. The exemplification of religious worship and the marriage ceremony were instructive and impressed Snyder people that they prefer the American way.

J. Adam Bode said in his lecture on civilization that laws enacted by a legislature are but the expression of ideas, customs and demands formulated in the minds of the people. The Chautauqua, with its elevating and refining influence has come to us because the people are ready for it.

It doesn't come to start intellectual and social culture. It comes because these things are already established in our social reality and these exercises are for an expression of our advancement and enlightened progress.

The people are pleased. They realize that we are getting an abundant entertainment for the money invested and it is probably the unanimous hope that the Chautauqua is to be made a permanent institution in Snyder.

The people who have occupied the platform are all artists in their respective lines and will be kindly remembered by our people. Mr. Herley, the platform manager is a polished gentleman and his cordiality and enthusiasm has won the hearts of our people.

The public is by no means unmindful of the splendid work done by Mr. Pearce in advertising the Chautauqua. His well directed energy has built up a permanent interest in the enterprise and success is due largely to his efforts.

The people hope to have a con-

tract signed for next year and we believe it will be done.

Here are some of the expressions from Snyder people.

The numbers up to this date given by the Chautauqua have been beyond my expectations. They have been clean, able and uplifting. Had the Monday's program been all that was given I would have felt that my money was well spent. These attractions are of the highest grade and no one can attend them and give them his attention without being benefited, at least, that is my experience. I hope that Snyder will make this a permanent feature and thoroughly equip a place for it.—M. E. Roiser.

It has been my pleasure to see only a few of the attractions given by the Chautauqua up to this writing, but what I have seen is of the highest type and is inspiring and uplifting. Those who attend these attractions cannot help from being benefited thereby. I hope this is the beginning



ALFRED MILES BERGEN.

of the establishment of a permanent annual Chautauqua for Snyder.—C. L. Beall.

The Redpath-Horner Chautauqua has fully met the expectations of all. The oratory has been artistic, eloquent, instructive and inspiring and the music has no doubt been the best ever rendered here. Certainly Snyder will make the Chautauqua one of her permanent institutions.—E. F. Smith.

Snyder's first Chautauqua is a grand success. It has met with a generous and spontaneous approval at the hands of the people. It is educational, uplifting and patriotic. I am convinced that the Chautauqua is one of our best institutions for the public welfare. I predict that the Chautauqua will become another of the many good things for Snyder in the future.—P. V. Clark.

From a moral and educational standpoint, the Chautauqua is the



GOV. R. B. GLENN.

best entertainment that Snyder has ever had. We should have the Chautauqua every year.—Med C. Ellis.

Note the list of signatures to this proposition:

I consider the Chautauqua a great institution and would be glad to see it permanently located in Snyder. Signed by:

E. R. Grimes, W. W. Echols, Will Warren, Mrs. Z. E. Coates, H. B. Winston, Dr. W. A. Palmer, Walter G. Smith, O. G. Wilson, L. T. Stinson, J. P. Avery, J. Nelson Dunn, D. P. Straphorn, C. H. Buchanan, G. H. Leath, J. A. Merritt, Mrs. Willie B. Farmer, W. T. Skinner, J. K. Blackard, Fritz R. Smith, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Mrs. Geo. W. Harris, Mrs. E. J. Anderson.

Three hundred others would have signed the statement had it been presented.

L. N. Portman finished shearing his sheep Monday and shipped more than 1300 pounds of wool to San Angelo. He has a few more than one hundred sheep and the clip averaged about twelve pounds of wool to the sheep.

A Human Submarine.

Sheriff Merrill and Deputy Cawley, one had occasion to look out the other day for a certain alleged violator of the local option law. They expected him to come in on the South-bound Santa Fe but when the train arrived he was not there. The officers suspected that he had descended at Dermott and they got their car in action to meet him enroute. True to their calculation they soon met a car occupied by their man and a companion, coming full tilt. By the time they could stop and get their car headed back the other car was considerable distance ahead, then the chase was on. Instead of coming to Snyder the fugitive machine headed north and after a dead run of several miles they found their man. He had abandoned the car and let it leave him and he was found in a hole of water in Kniss creek. He was under water all but his nose and eyes, but the officers located him and brought him to the surface.

"Idle Hours"

The Club met with Miss Ola Ribbee Thursday May 18. After a short and interesting session, we enjoyed a social hour of 42. Following this was a delicious ice course and Miss Ribbee proved herself a charming hostess. The next meeting will be with Miss Ruelce Brice June 1. We had two appreciated visitors, Mrs. Nelson Dunn and Miss Foster.

Ried Noble, of Mart, is here to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Noble.

HAILEY-FERGUSON CAPTURE CONVENTION

The Hailey-Ferguson combination captured the San Antonio convention. Made W. C. West, permanent chairman, smashed the Lave-Barton slate declared against National prohibition, provided for selection of delegates at large by Congressional districts and Tom Lowe will not be National Committeeman from Texas. Fritz Smith got a telegram from San Antonio Thursday saying that [Pondexter, of Cleburne had been selected National Committeeman.

HERMLEIGH AND THE CHAUTAUQUA EVENT

R. C. Herm and family came in from Hermitage Monday to be on hand for the very first starting of the Chautauqua. Mr. Herm said there are five members of his family and they all have season tickets. More than that, he said that sixty-two tickets had already been purchased.



MISS ETHEL MINTON.

ed by Hermitage people and probably seventy-five to the time he was talking about it.

Mr. Herm believes in the highest order of education and mental and moral culture and he has a model family. His daughter is highly accomplished and she is a splendid musician.

His little son Othello is eleven years old. He has been promoted to the fifth grade in school. He has never missed a day from school nor been tardy and is regular in attendance upon Sunday School. He speaks English and German to perfection and correctly and is nearly as well up on the Bohemian language.

Several Hermitage families have been at every session of the Chautauqua. The Hermitage people are wide awake on educational lines and are doing excellent work as a community in the way of intellectual as well as material progress.

MEXICO ASSUMING SANE METHODS

El Paso, May 25.—The Mexican Government under Gen. Carranza is thought to be assuming business like methods.

A decree has been issued today calling for municipal elections and the re-establishment of self governing municipalities.

This information came today from Mexico City to Consul Garcia here.

Gen. Gaviira, commander of the Mexican military border announces today in Juarez that he will ask Gen. Pershing for a conference to settle details of co-operation in chasing bandits in Chihuahua.

Civic Department—Mrs. E. J. Anderson.

Second Vice President and Chairman Department of Equipment—Mrs. E. F. Henken, Mrs. R. A. Stewart.

Membership and Finance Committee—Mrs. Joe Straphorn, Mrs. Ed. Curry.

Program and Training Committee—Mrs. C. H. Alexander, Miss Maggie Lee Hull, Mrs. Olla Hardy, Miss Zada Maxwell, Miss Mary Heath, Miss Grace Moore.

Music Committee—Mrs. Hugh Boren, Mrs. E. J. Barnes.

Entertainment Committee—Miss Byrd Winters, Mrs. S. T. Edna, Mrs. Walter Curry, Mrs. W. T. Maury, Chairman War's Department—E. C. Johnson.

Secretary—Miss Vera Heath.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. G. Towle.

Continuously endorsed by body assembled May 25, 1916.

Following rules were suggested:

1st. That the name of the organization shall be the Snyder Play-ground Association.

2nd. That the officers shall consist of a president, first and second vice presidents, a secretary and treasurer which shall be elected annually, or until successors shall be elected. All officers to be adults.

3rd. That the free membership shall include all white male and female children between the ages of infants to 14 years.

4th. That adults and children over 14 years, membership fee shall be 10c per month.

5th. That the grounds and equipment shall be under the supervision of the officers who shall constitute the executive committee of the association.

6th. That an instructor be employed at a salary not to exceed the income of the association membership fees, less operating expenses.

7th. That regular gatherings of members be designated, governed by weather conditions, etc. and a record of the proceedings including the number in attendance be made to the executive committee by the instructor employed.

8th. That members be allowed to serve on care of grounds to apply on membership fees.

Transannally adopted at afternoon session May 25, 1916.

Following resolution was presented.

Resolved, that since the organization of the Snyder Play-ground Association is an assured fact with a probable overwhelming success, we the organization assembled, proclaim the establishment of a fund aside from membership sufficient to construct a complete lake for bathing purposes. The city park authority shall be selected as permanent meeting place and suggest that a permanent committee be appointed and authorized to solicit the funds.

Resolved by the chair that the foregoing resolution be referred to the finance committee.

Fritz Smith offered his baseball location as an opener for the fund and suggested that all those on the baseball subscription list may do like wise if the finance committee would take the matter up with the subscribers.

Adjourned until 10 a. m. today.



THE HAYDN CHORUS—DIRECTION OF ROLAND B. WITTE.

CHILDREN'S PLAY-GROUND MOVEMENT

At a called meeting of those interested in the organization of a play ground association in Snyder Wednesday afternoon, quite a large crowd was present and many interesting points discussed along the line of assisting the children. Upon motion the following committee was appointed to suggest a plan for the method of permanent organization: Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, Mrs. E. J. Anderson, Mrs. Hugh Boren, Mrs. J. Arch Farmer, Mrs. R. L. McMillan, Mrs. W. T. Maury and J. P. Chambers.

The committee met at the court house Thursday morning and formed rules and regulations and suggested officers, which were adopted yesterday afternoon as follows:

President—Mrs. R. L. Howell.
First Vice President and Chairman